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CRIMINAL COMPLAINT FILED ON
JEAN-TONY ANTOINE OULIA

United States Attorney Mac Cauley today announced a criminal complaint has been filed in the U.S. District Court in Jacksonville, Florida charging JEAN-TONY ANTOINE OULIA, age 34, with making a false statement to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. OULIA, a citizen of the Ivory Coast, was questioned about the status of his visa on September 14, 2001 and was placed under administrative arrest for being in the United States illegally due to the fact that his student visa had expired. He is currently being detained in the Alexandria Detention Center in Alexandria, Virginia.

A complaint is merely an accusation that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael Gallagher.